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SOWING PROGRESS SATISFACTORY;
DAIRY PRODUCTION LAGS

WEATHER CONDITIONS FAVORABLE -- Izrev, No 1735, 17 May 50

Weather conditions during the past week had a very favorable effect on sowing. Rains have speeded growth, and spring and fall crops are generally in good condition. Wheat, rye, and barley are forming ears. Rice planting has been continued in Plovdiv Okoliya, and vine and fruit-tree spraying has been started in Pleven, Dryanovo, Pavlikeni, and other okoliya. Pastures are likewise in good condition; alfalfa and clover cutting is under way in Kazanluk, Pavlikeni, and other areas.

Some brown rust has been noticed on wheat and rye in Vrachan, Pleven, and parts of the Stalin area. There are also indications of yellow rust in the Sofia area.

COLLECTION, PROCESSING BEHIND SCHEDULE -- Izrev, No 1734, 16 May 50

The Main Cooperative Union reports that the first-quarter plan of the milk-processing industry for sheep's and goat's milk has been fulfilled by 97.2 percent, but the year plan has been completed only 18.9 percent, as of 1 May 1950. For cow and buffalo milk the quarter plan has been met by 69 percent, and the year plan by 4.18 and 6.73 percent as of the end of April.

In many districts the collection and processing of milk are lagging badly. The shortcomings are ascribed to a poor educational campaign, the scarcity of purchasing centers, and lack of equipment.

Milk controls have also been too lax, and low fat content and poor quality in general have been admitted.

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NEW REGULATIONS FOR DAIRY WORKERS -- Izgrev, No 1734, 16 May 50

An order issued by the Main Cooperative Union and the Trade Union of Food Industry Workers provides that overtime work in the dairy industry may not exceed 4 hours daily. The wage for an 8-hour workday will be 400 leva for a dairy foreman engaged in milk and cheese processing, 300 for an assistant, and 270 for a general dairy worker. Overtime pay will be 25 percent more than the regular wage.

The order further provides that cheese must not have a water content in excess of 50 percent, kashkaval 38 percent, cow and buffalo butter 16 percent, and sheep butter 25 percent.

Dairy workers will also receive 35 percent of the value of their production above the norms. The payment will be made at the end of the season, including payment for overtime work.

EGG COLLECTION SLOW -- Izgrev, No 1735, 17 May 50

The egg-collection campaign throughout the country is lagging seriously and is far from the planned quotas. As the end of the season is approaching, drastic measures will be necessary to speed fulfillment.

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